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Health Department Monitoring Brine and Oil Release in Billings County

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has been notified and is monitoring a brine and oil release in Billings County. The spill has been contained. The release was reported by BTA Oil Producers LLC on Dec. 8, 2013.

It is currently estimated that 650 barrels of brine (salt) water and 20 barrels of oil were released from a production well site, with some of the brine and oil reaching a tributary to the Little Missouri River. This site is approximately 4.5 miles west of the Little Missouri River and 15 miles northwest of Medora. The spill is located on private and U.S. Forest Service land. Both agencies will be involved in overseeing the clean-up. The spill has been contained and the Department of Health, U.S. Forest Service and BTA Oil Producers will be evaluating the extent of the release and the best approach for remediation.

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